

Senator Fountain asked leave to amend the rules as reported by striking out "a Committee on Judiciary," and adding "Two Committees on Judiciary, to be styled Committees No. 1 and No. 2."

Whereupon, the yeas and nays were called, and stood :

Yeas—Senators Latimer, Sayers, Shelley and Word—4.

Nays—Senators Avinger, Baker, Ball, Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Evans, Ford, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Henry, King, Pyle, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Swift, Tendick and Tracy—24.

So the Senate refused to allow the correction.

The rules as reported by the committee were then adopted, and one hundred copies ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Baker, Senator Gaines was excused from attendance on the Senate until Monday next.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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SENATE CHAMBER, )  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 17, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, President Pickett in the chair. Prayer. Roll called; quorum present.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Senator Finlay presented memorial of Wells Thompson, contesting the seat of R. P. Tendick, Senator from the Twenty-fifth District, which was read and referred to Committee on Elections.

Senator Henry presented memorial of Charles Stewart, contesting the seat of J. G. Tracy, of the Fourteenth Senatorial District, which was read and referred to Committee on Elections.

On motion of Senator Finlay, the Senate proceeded to the election of a chaplain.

Senators King, Henry and Ford were appointed tellers.

Nominations being in order, Senator Ball nominated F. C. Wilkes, Senator Dohoney nominated W. J. Jones, and Senator Saylor nominated Rev. R. H. Taliaferro, and the Senate proceeded to ballot with the following result :

First ballot—Taliaferro, 12; Wilkes, 8; Jones, 6. Second ballot—Taliaferro, 12; Wilkes, 9; Jones, 5. Third ballot—Taliaferro, 13; Wilkes, 10; Jones, 4; scattering, 1. Fourth ballot—Taliaferro, 15; Wilkes, 9; Jones, 3. Rev. Mr. Taliaferro having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected chaplain of the Senate of the Thirteenth Legislature.

Senator Shelley offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms to receive from the postoffice all mail matter for Senators and deliver the same at their desks, and to perform all other duties heretofore performed by the postmaster of the Senate.

The question being the adoption of the resolution, a call of the Senate was ordered, on motion of Senator Fountain.

Absentees—Senators Broughton and Flanagan.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the President was authorized to appoint Judiciary Committee No. 2.

The President then announced the following standing committees, which, on motion of Senator Fountain, were ordered printed and attached to the rules:

*Committee on Judiciary No. 1.*—Senators Henry, Word, Ball, Dohoney, Fountain, Hall, Franks.

*Committee on Judiciary No. 2.*—Senators Finlay, Shelley, Sayers, Broughton, Dillard, Flanagan, Saylor, Ruby.

*Committee on Internal Improvements.*—Senators Flanagan, Dohoney, Avinger, Cole, Broughton, Baker, Saylor, Pyle, Tracy.

*Committee on Penitentiary.*—Senators Broughton, Pyle, Ford, Gaines, Word.

*Committee on Private Land Claims.*—Senators Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Rawson, Randle.

*Committee on Education.*—Senators Dohoney, Word, King, Sayers, Tracy, Rawson, Tendick.

*Committee on Immigration.*—Senators Tendick, Pyle, Latimer, Gaines, Swift.

*Committee on Finance.*—Senators Shelley, Evans, Ball, Sayers, Hall, Randle, Flanagan.

*Committee on Militia.*—Senators Finlay, Evans, King, Hall, Flanagan.

*Committee on Public Lands.*—Senators Sayers, Dohoney, Ball, Fountain, Hall.

*Committee on State Affairs.*—Senators Word, Finlay, Avinger, Saylor, Ruby.

*Committee on Privileges and Elections.*—Senators Dillard, Word, King, Saylor, Rawson.

*Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.*—Senators Avinger, Broughton, Shelley, Fountain, Baker.

*Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.*—Senators Latimer, Pyle, Swift, Gaines, Rawson.

*Committee on Claims and Accounts.*—Senators Swift, Dillard, King, Ruby, Tendick.

*Committee on Contingent Expenses.*—Senators Pyle, Swift, Finlay, Flanagan, Saylor.

*Committee on Printing.*—Senators Dillard, Swift, Evans, Tracy, Fountain.

*Committee on Federal Relations.*—Senators Sayers, Pyle, Latimer, Franks, Gaines.

*Committee on Public Buildings.*—Senators Shelley, Avinger, Finlay, Saylor, Baker.

*Committee on Public Debt.*—Senators Evans, Cole, Avinger, Ford, Ruby.

*Committee on Land Office.*—Senators Ball, Henry, Franks, Tendick, Word.

*Committee on Indian Affairs and Frontier Protection.*—Senators King, Ball, Broughton, Fountain, Shelley.

*Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.*—Senators Cole, Ford, King.

*Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.*—Senators Dillard, Evans, Finlay, Franks, Baker.

*Committee on Agriculture.*—Senators Pyle, Latimer, Cole, Evans, Baker, Randle, Rawson.

*Committee on Engrossed Bills.*—Senators Sayers, King, Ruby.

*Committee on Enrolled Bills.*—Senators Latimer, Broughton, Tracy.

*Committee on Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts.*—Senators King, Evans, Shelley, Swift, Ford, Randle, Franks.

*Committee on Constitutional Amendments.*—Senators Shelley, Word, Henry, Dohoney, Ruby, Fountain, Baker.

The Senate being full upon the appearance of the absentees, the call was suspended and the resolution offered by Senator Shelley was again taken up and adopted by the following vote :

Yeas—Mr. President, Avinger, Ball, Dillard, Dohoney, Finlay, Flanagan, Henry, King, Latimer, Ruby, Saylor, Sayers, Shelley, Swift, Tendick and Word—17.

Nays—Senators Baker, Broughton, Cole, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Hall, Pyle, Rawson, Randle and Tracy—11.

So the resolution was adopted.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the business on the table.

Resolution authorizing the President to appoint post-master, pages and porters taken up, and on motion of Senator Cole, made special order of the day for Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Senator Latimer offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the Senate be and he is hereby authorized to issue *per diem* certificates to the clerks and sergeant-at-arms officiating on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of January, before the organization of this body and the election of officers to fill said positions.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings was requested to enclose the inner portion of the Senate Chamber with a railing.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

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SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 18, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to organize courts of common pleas in Fannin and other counties. Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary No. 1.

Senator Dohoney introduced a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to urge the opening of the Indian country north of Texas to settlement. Read first time and referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the ap-